



<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status</b>				Attorney Docket No: 559552000120		
Application Serial Number: 10/798,014		Filing Date: 3/10/2004		Examiner: Jerry L. Cumberledge		Art Unit: 3733
Invention: Method and Apparatus for Flexible Fixation of a Spine						
<p>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.</p>						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	27	MINUS	20	7	\$25	\$ 175.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	0	\$100	\$ 0.00
<p><u>  x  </u> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>  5/1/2007  </u> to and through <u>  9/1/2007  </u>, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"> <u>  x  </u> one month (\$60.00)                      <u>      </u> three months (\$510.00)  <u>      </u> two months (\$225.00)                      <u>      </u> four months (\$795.00) </p>						
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						
<p><u>  x  </u> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p><u>      </u> A check in the amount of \$ <u>      </u> is attached.</p> <p><u>  x  </u> <u>  \$235.00  </u> paid via electronic filing of amendment.</p> <div style="margin-top: 50px;"> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 30%;"> <u>  8/2/2007  </u> date </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 60%; text-align: center;">   <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Merle Richman Reg. No. 38282 </div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being deposited with the USPTO via the Web based electronic filing system, on <u>  8/2/2007  </u>.</p> <div style="margin-top: 30px; text-align: center;">   <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Merle Richman </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">Reg. No. 38282</div>						